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Statement 'ill-informed'

The vice-president of the SRC at Elizabeth Matriculation College, 17-year-old John Langford, called the statement "ill informed" and "exaggerated."

He said there was always a lot of alcohol at parties—but seldom was there much excessive drinking.

John admitted that often parties were held without the knowledge of parents who were away for the night—or the weekend.

Necking and petting was only seen at parties in isolated cases — "not enough to worry about".

Morality, according to John, was certainly not heading down hill. But thinking had changed.

What might not have been accepted to the older generation was more common place now.

He questioned that the principals — "at their age" — could know what was going on among the young people.

The principal of Rosetta High (Mr M. L. Yaxley) said the problems of social behaviour faced matriculation more than high school students but, he added: "We occasionally become aware of smoking, and sometimes have slight brushes with alcohol."

On boy-girl relationships, he said: "The boys are waking up.

"But occasionally there are problems with girls going out with older fellows."

Most parents, he said, set high standards. But some did not give the school the support it deserved.

"Some even try to put it over us — write notes with a series of untruths to get their children out of detention duties."

The president of the Tasmanian State Schools Parents and Friends' Association (Mr C. M. Smith, of Devonport) said often it was parents who failed to set the right example and be home at the right times who were responsible for the trouble.

If there was too much drinking by parents, children were liable to follow the example.

Mr Smith, father of five, asked: "If the parents are at the bookmakers' clubs, where are the children?

"If mum and dad are at the hotel, what's happening to the kids left by themselves at night?

"What will this lead to later in life?"

He said the principals' statement would probably be discussed on July 31 at the North-West executive meeting of the association, and at the State council conference on September 27.

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Secret US talks

WASHINGTON. — The US Senate is expected to hold a rare secret session this week as part of its deliberations on President Nixon's controversial plan to deploy an anti-ballistic missile (ABM) system before any disarmament agreement is reached with Russia. The system would be designed to knock out attacking enemy nuclear warheads before they reach American soil.—AAP.

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Fleeing guerillas cut down on slopes

SAIGON. — North Vietnamese soldiers fleeing down the slopes of Black Virgin Mt to escape American bombers were cut down by a deadly volley from US infantrymen.

A US Command spokesman said 32 guerillas died on the rugged western side of the mountain, 55 miles north-west of Saigon, in 2½ hours of fighting yesterday.

Describing the action, the spokesman said the guerillas called down their own destruction by firing on American jet F100 Supersabre fighters flying bombing raids over the mountain.

This gave away the North Vietnamese positions, and the bombers came back to strafe and blast the entrenchments and caves on the rocky hillside.

When the jets moved away, the guerillas left their hideouts in an attempt to scramble down the mountainside, and ran into a 25th Infantry Division force which raked them with short-range fire, the spokesman said.

Local legends

Seven Americans were killed and 18 wounded in the fighting around the base of the 3,214ft mountain, which is the subject of many local legends. Some fairy tales say it is haunted.

The North Vietnamese and Vietcong have long been hiding out in the lower slopes of the Black Virgin, but the summit is crowned by a US camp.

The battle followed a morning of raids on the north-eastern slopes by giant B52 Stratofortress bombers. They rained more than 500 tons of high explosives on the craggy hill, the command said.

It was the first time the mountain, which is sacred to the Cao Dai religion, has been hit by B52s.

The Cao Dai is a fusion of Christian, Buddhist, and Confucianist theories and has its garish cathedral headquarters at Tay Ninh City, six miles to the south-west.

Near Laos

There were two more B52 raids yesterday, but much further north near the Laotian border in Quang Nam province, about 350 miles north of Saigon.

The Americans lost another helicopter to Vietcong gunners on Saturday in Long Khanh province, 42 miles north-east of Saigon.

The spokesman said four men aboard were wounded and the aircraft destroyed. —AAP-Reuter.

Qantas 'escape' closed

SYDNEY. — Trade union decisions announced yesterday in New Zealand and New Guinea will prevent Qantas aircraft being diverted to those places from Australian destinations.

Qantas services will continue as usual for at least two days despite this new development in the dispute between the airline and its Australian ground staff.

Employees of Air New Zealand and TAA are involved in the refusal to service extra Qantas flights through New Zealand and Port Moresby.

They will continue to man regular scheduled flights.

The strike by about 3,000 Qantas ground staff began when four men were suspended in Sydney for failing to man a crane declared "black" by their union.

Seventeen unions had banned the machine, and also banned overtime, as part of a campaign for an increase of $2.50 in over award payments to Qantas ground staff.

Qantas yesterday offered to re-open negotiations on the pay increase if the men returned to work and lifted all bans.

Union officials will meet today to discuss the airline's proposal.

We'll not join in 'non-nuclear club' until others sign

MELBOURNE. — Australia would not ratify the nuclear non proliferation treaty until it was in a "better position" to make a decision, the Minister for National Development (Mr Fairbairn) said yesterday.

If Australia ratified the treaty it would commit future Australian governments not to have nuclear weapons regardless of changing circumstances, Mr Fairbairn said.

"My own view is that we should not commit future governments for all time," he said.

Mr Fairbairn, speaking to the Liberal Speakers Group conference, said if Australia signed the treaty it would be liable to have a large number of "inspectors" including some from behind the Iron Curtain.

The Commonwealth had made no decision to have nuclear weapons, he said.

The treaty could not come into force until 40 non-nuclear and three nuclear States ratified it.

Only 19 countries had ratified it so far.

Guarantee

Mr Fairbairn said nothing would be achieved by Australia ratifying the treaty. A treaty could only be effective if every country ratified it.

A treaty that gave complete guarantee against the proliferation of nuclear weapons was virtually impossible, he told the conference.

"The only thing that would prevent a country going into nuclear weapons is the cost of doing it, and whether it had scientists of adequate quality," he said.

On the question of nuclear power stations for Australia, Mr Fairbairn said the Federal Cabinet would decide before the end of this year whether to give the go-ahead for Australia's first nuclear power station.

September

A feasibility study on an atomic power station was being made by the Commonwealth and the New South Wales Government.

He expected the results of this study would be ready for Cabinet by September.

He expected Cabinet would take only a few weeks to decide whether to call for tenders to begin the development of the Nation's first nuclear power station.

Mr Fairbairn told the conference that the States, constitutionally had the right to decide how to meet power requirements.

But the Commonwealth, partly because of its external affairs powers, had responsibilities over nuclear power.

Commonwealth guidelines for the introduction of nuclear power into Australia were:

- Reactors should not have to depend on enriched uranium from overseas — they should use Australian sources of uranium.
- The first four or six reactors should be of the same type. This would give large savings and would make it possible for up to 80 pc of the work to be done in Australia.
- Fuel used in the atomic power stations should all come from the Australian Atomic Energy Commission's research station at Lucas Heights, just out of Sydney.

Mr Fairbairn said the feasibility study between the Commonwealth and New South Wales was for setting up an atomic power station either in the ACT near Canberra, or the Commonwealth territory at Jervis Bay on the New South Wales south coast.

Jervis Bay

There could be advantages in using the Jervis Bay site because of the ready availability of water for cooling.

Mr Fairbairn said progress was being made towards setting up a high-level committee of State power authorities, the Commonwealth Department of National Development, and the Australian Atomic Energy Commission to help plan the development of nuclear power.

Mr Fairbairn said that Victoria and New South Wales would be the only States to have nuclear power by the 1970s.

The chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission (Prof Sir Philip Baxter) told the conference that Australia's first nuclear power station would cost about $120 million.

By 1990 — 10

It seemed likely that by 1980, Australia would have three 500 megawatt nuclear power stations, Sir Philip said.

By 1990 it could have 10 such stations and by the end of the century, nuclear power stations could be producing 20,000 megawatts.

Speaking on the possibilities of nuclear power, Sir Philip said it was likely that Melbourne, Sydney, and Adelaide would be using desalinated sea water before the end of the century.

This would probably come from nuclear power stations combined with desalination plants.

He said that some time might be possible — with in the next century it large plants and technological progress — to use desalinated water for irrigation.

"This could steadily extend irrigation areas in Australia with profound effect," he said.

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battles in three towns

Orange Day riots rage in Ulster

LONDON. — Thirty-eight people were injured on Saturday night in religious rioting in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, the BBC reported.

Saturday was Orange Day, the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, where in 1690 King William of Orange and his Protestant forces defeated the Roman Catholic Army of King James the Second.

The radio news report said missiles and fire-bombs were hurled, windows were smashed, furniture shops broken into, and the stock dragged into the streets and and set ablaze.

There were reports of smaller clashes in Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, and Lurgan, 20 miles to the south-west, where there was large-scale rioting between Protestants and Catholics on Friday night, according to the BBC.

Police beaten

The police defeat came in Londonderry, focal point of Roman Catholic-Protestant tension. Riot squads called out to break up a battle in the city's Catholic Bogside area were forced to withdraw—leaving the rival gangs roaming the streets smashing windows.

Reinforcements were rushed in from neighbouring towns, and the police turned out again to drive back the fighting groups with repeated baton charges.

Tension has been high in Lurgan over the weekend since the appearance on a building of Britain's Union Jack — symbol of London control over Northern Ireland, which is resented by the province's Roman Catholic minority.

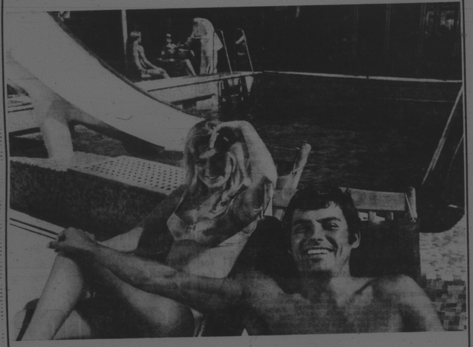
Fighting flared in another district of Belfast when the flag of the independent (Southern) Irish Republic was raised on a public house. Police surrounded the area, and arrested three men.

Hint of school aid plan

SYDNEY. — The Speaker of the House of Representatives (Mr Aston) yesterday dropped a brief, but strong hint that the coming Federal Budget would contain increased allocations of funds for independent schools.

"There is abundant room in our country for two systems of education — I feel sure that this time next month the financial gap will improve," he said.

Mr Aston was speaking at Marcellin College, Randwick, at which a new $120,000 science block was officially opened and blessed by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Cardinal Gilroy.



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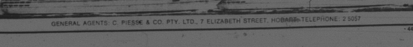

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Students hit out

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The president of the Hutchins Parents and Friends' Association (Mr H. T. Sharpe) said there needed to be a dual arrangement between the schools and parents for guiding young people.

Obviously, the dual arrangement had fallen down somewhere.

He said the statement had been "timely — but could have come even earlier."

The rector of Savio College (the Very Rev K. O'Leary) said teenage idolism of "downgraded pop stars certainly does not help the problem."

"Anything spectacular or strange arouses the curiosity," Fr O'Leary said.

He said modern young people, were more poised and generally were having to face the problems of the adult society in which they lived.

The Minister for Education (Mr Mather) said: "It is important in these days of changing standards that the older members of the community — the parents and educators — give young people a clear lead in defining acceptable standards of behaviour."

The principal of Elizabeth Matric (Mr C. R. Paice) said he had declined to sign the statement — not because he disagreed with its text, but because he believed the principals were going about it the wrong way.

Mr Paice, who allows his boy students to sport beards, and girls to go to school in mini-skirts, advocated thorough investigation and research into the problem before anything was rushed into.

The deputy Director of Education (Mr P. W. Hughes) called on parents to take note of the statement. Schools were helpless because the parties were in private homes.

The president of the Hobart Council of Churches (the Rev Peter Stockman) said young people were looking for strength of leadership. The principals' plea would mean nothing without leadership at home and in other community areas.

The Police Commissioner (Mr P. W. Fletcher) said he would have his top officers called together this week to debate the issues raised by the school heads.

He said a weakness in the law was that children could consume alcohol at parties — as long as they were not in a public place. But he defended the young as "having a lot of good in them".

US start 3,600 out of Vietnam

SAIGON. — The US yesterday started a three-day pull-out by air and sea of another 3,600 men in Vietnam.

A US military spokesman in Saigon said 2,800 marines were being withdrawn from the northern garrison town of Da Nang in troop ships for Okinawa yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

The marines are from the 9th Marine Regiment, the first combat unit to land in South Vietnam in 1965. They stormed ashore on Da Nang's "Red Beach" and have been involved in some of the bloodiest fighting in Vietnam, notably the siege of Khe Sanh.

The spokesman also said a second battalion of the US 9th Infantry Division — consisting of 800 men — left Bien Hoa air base yesterday in a fleet of transport planes for McChord Air Base in Washington.

The withdrawals are part of the initial contingent of 25,000 men which the US announced it plans to take out of the Vietnam war by the end of August.

The first batch to be pulled out left for home last Tuesday. — AAP.

China walks out of talks on border with Russia

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union charged yesterday that China had walked out of border river navigation talks in the Soviet far-eastern city of Khabarovsk, a move which comes close to severing last links between the quarrelling Communist giants.

A statement by Tass news agency early yesterday, said the leader of the Chinese delegation to the talks — which began on June 18 — made malicious attacks on the Soviet delegation on Saturday and then refused to continue the conference.

Tass said this was "a new hostile act . . . which is part of continued provocative actions of the Chinese side on the border between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China".

The talks, which should be held annually under a 1951 agreement between the two countries, were the only known major Sino-Soviet diplomatic contact since they were last held in June.

Tass said the conference was called purely to discuss shipping rules and traffic management on border rivers and lakes.

But the Peking delegation had tried to raise the whole Sino-Soviet frontier question.

The statement alleged that an incident on July 8 — in which both sides accused the other of using troops to attack civilians on River Amur Island — was staged by Peking "in order to frustrate the conference." — AAP.

Drowning in fall from ship

ADELAIDE. — A 57-year-old Adelaide woman was drowned when she fell overboard from the passenger liner Galileo at the weekend.

She was Mrs Mara Ivic, of Mile End (SA), who was returning from a visit to relatives in her native land, Yugoslavia.

The accident happened while the ship was en route from Fremantle to Adelaide.

The ship hove to and lowered a rescue launch to search for Mrs Ivic. Her body was found, and was returned to the ship.

Token strike in Israel

TEL AVIV. — Nearly ten thousand engineers and technicians went out on a one-day token strike throughout Israel yesterday, but the only services affected were radio and television broadcasts.

The strike was called to back a dispute over labour contracts. — AAP.

Reds claim "big victory" in Laos

TOKYO. — The Communist Pathet Lao claims to be in control of the strategic town of Muong Soui in Northern Laos.

A Pathet Lao news agency said the Communist forces scored victories in Muong Soui, putting out of action nearly 1,200 Government troops in a week-long battle in the area.

It said Government troops were attempting to recapture the town.

The Pathet Lao accused the United States and the Laotian Government of trying to intensify the war in Laos and said Communist forces are now capable of smashing all "desperate efforts of the enemy."

It said the victory in the battle had proved the powerful growth of Communist forces — which has opened new prospects for the people's war of resistance. — AAP.

Charter boat rammed by tanker in fog; 47 saved

SANDY HOOK, New Jersey. — Forty-seven persons were hurled into the Atlantic Ocean when their fishing boat was rammed and sunk by an oil tanker in the early morning fog yesterday.

The 47 — who included the crew and passengers aboard the chartered 95ft Amberjack III — were taken aboard two US Coast Guard cutters after spending about half an hour in the chilling waters.

There were no serious injuries, but many of the shipwrecked required first aid, a spokesman for the Coast Guard said.

The accident occurred near the entrance to the Sandy Hook harbour when the 585ft Tullahoma rammed the charter boat.

The Coast Guard sent the cutters Francis and Cape Strait, two helicopters and two utility boats to the scene.

The people in the water stayed afloat with the help of life preservers, and there were no lifeboats in sight when the rescue craft arrived, the spokesman said.

He said it would be at least a day before the details of the accident would be fully known because there were so many people to question. — AAP.

BANG BOOM. — The Malaysian Government has signed an agreement with four companies for the setting up of a multi-million dollar ammunition factory near Kuala Lumpur expected to start production by the middle of next year. —AAP-Reuter.

Big boy born — but no record

SYDNEY. — The 14lb 6oz baby boy born at Royal Newcastle Hospital on Saturday has been named, and is now out of the humidicrib.

Warren Pollett, as he is now named, spent his first two days in the humidicrib, but yesterday all 22½in of him went into an ordinary hospital cot.

Although very large at birth, this 15th child of Mrs and Mr Leslie Pollett, of Newcastle (13 of the children are now living), does not seem to have captured an Australian record.

The national record was claimed by the Macleay District Hospital on January 26, 1963, when a 16lb 5oz baby boy was born to Mrs Desmond Lyttle (43), of South Kempsey — her tenth child.

In the cot beside Warren is the smallest baby at Royal Newcastle Hospital — a girl weighing 4lb 9oz, and 18½in long.

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KUALA LUMPUR. — Malaysia's emerg
ment yesterday seemed to have won an
strength, with no new outbreaks of trouble
try, following a short-lived challenge to
leadership.

Security forces stepped up their patrols in the Federal capital on Saturday on strong rumours of more inter-racial clashes, but the night passed with few incidents.

An alert for possible demonstrations at the National Muslim College here yesterday also seems to have been groundless.

Troops on guard

Stories spread of a serious move to oust Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman when more than 100 Federal and State politicians met for several hours in two emergency sessions on Saturday.

Troops guarded the approaches to the residences of the Tunku and his deputy, Tun Abdul Razak, now running the country as Director of the National Operation Council, and little information was available on the nature of the meetings.

But they ended with a solid vote of support for the present leaders.

The meeting of more than 60 State and Federal MPs, State Chief Ministers and other high officials of the United Malays' National Organisation (UMNO) backed the national leadership and its efforts to restore peace and order.

The later meeting of UMNO's Executive Council expelled 42-year-old Dr Mahathir Bin Mohamed, leader of a group of radicals within the party, from the executive.

An Executive Council statement said Dr Mahathir had breached party discipline and rules by actions "which unchecked would destroy the unity within the party and the Government which is supported by the party."

The statement said the executive expelled Dr Mahathir following "widespread distribution" of letters between him and the Tunku containing "vitally important party matters and details."

One letter from Dr Mahathir told the Prime Minister:

"I have to take the people's feelings to you: That is they feel you should resign as Prime Minister and president of UMNO."

An official spokesman told reporters the executive decision to expel Dr Mahathir was unanimous, but observers doubted this.

India's next President?

Mrs Gandhi's choice lost

BANGALORE. — Mr Sanjiva Reddy, Speaker of the Indian House of the People — Lower House of Parliament — will be the Congress Party candidate for President of India, it was officially announced yesterday.

The decision was taken on Saturday by the party's eight-member parliamentary board by four votes to two with two abstentions.

The official announcement was delayed until yesterday because of opposition by the Prime Minister (Mrs Indira Gandhi) to the choice.

Mrs Gandhi had earlier backed Mr V. V. Giri, the Acting President, but at Saturday's parliamentary board meeting she put forward Mr Jagjivan Ram, the Food Minister, as a compromise candidate.

But Mr Morarji Desai, Deputy Prime Minister, Mr K. Kamaraj, former party president, Mr S. K. Patil, former Minister and party boss from Bombay, and Mr Y. B. Chavan, Home Minister, supported Mr Reddy.

Mrs Gandhi found herself alone in opposition with Mr Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, Industries Minister.

Mr S. Nijalingappa, party president, as chairman of the meeting, and Mr Jagjivan Ram, as a possible candidate, abstained.

Mr Reddy is assured of the presidency as the Congress Party holds a majority among the members of Central and State legislatures who will form the Electoral College on August 16. — AAP.

Russia's more with it, now

MOSCOW.—Radio Moscow announced the pop music world had gone wild over Russia, and cited the Beatles' hit, "Back in the USSR," to prove it.

In a documentary, Radio Moscow quoted British pop singer Mary Hopkins as saying: "Now everything connected with Russia is fashionable."

The Beatles' recording was then played on the air, probably to the delight of Russian young people who rarely hear Beatle music on Soviet radio stations. — AAP.

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SYDNEY. — The Federal Min
yesterday people should not b
Communism.

Mr Wentworth was addressing 800 people at the official opening of Captive Nations Week in the town hall.

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Car crashes into tree; five killed

SYDNEY. — Five people were killed yesterday when their car skidded off the road and crashed into a tree near Lithgow, 97 miles west of Sydney.

Those killed were members of the Hornsby Bowling Club, Sydney. They were on their way to take part in a carnival at Mudgee.

They were Joseph Marley (62), of Hornsby; Mrs Joan Marley (52), of Hornsby; Robert Berry (43), of Waitara; Will Fox (65), of Hornsby; and Mrs Thelma Hunter (52), of Hornsby.

The sole survivor of the crash was Mrs Nancy Berry, of Waitara, who is in a serious condition in Lithgow Hospital with multiple injuries.

Their car skidded off a downhill section of the Mudgee road, made dangerous by the first rain after a long dry spell, and crashed into a tree.

The Queensland weekend road toll rose to six yesterday with the death of a man in the Rockhampton General Hospital.

He was Cecil Winlaw (55), labourer, of Rockhampton.

Winlaw was a passenger in a utility truck involved in a collision with another vehicle five miles south of Rockhampton at 3.30 am on Saturday.

In other fatalities on Queensland roads since Friday, two people were killed in Brisbane, two on the Gold Coast, and one in Townsville.

RED BROTHERS. — The Egyptian Government has officially recognised the South Vietnamese Provisional Revolutionary Government, an official statement carried by the Middle East News Agency said, the Associated Press reported. —AAP.

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